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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masataka TAMURA et al.

Title: UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING METHOD

Appl. No.: 10/763,336

Appl. Filing Date: 1/26/2004

Examiner: Maria Alexandra ELVE

Art Unit: 3742

Confirmation Number:
6946

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[X] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on
December 15, 2009.

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- Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.
- Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ____.
- Other ___.
b. Enclosed are:
- Amendment/Reply.
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - Information Disclosure Statement.
 - Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of __ listed reference(s).
 - Other .

Miscellaneous:

- Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$810.00	= \$810.00
Total Claims:	9	-	20 = 0	x \$52.00	= \$0.00
Independents	1	-	3 = 0	x \$220.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ \$390.00	=	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	= \$810.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$130.00	1	\$130.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$490.00		\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,110.00		\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,730.00		\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,350.00		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$130.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		-	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$130.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$940.00
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$940.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$940.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date January 15, 2010

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